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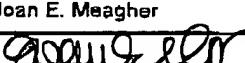
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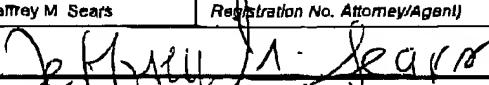
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter and consider the Amendment provided herein.

Applicants' Attorney does not believe any additional extension of time or any additional fees are required for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. Should any additional extension of time or additional fees be required for timely consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, however, Applicants' Attorney hereby petitions for same and requests that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration be charged to **Deposit Account No. 06-1448, Reference IHG-001.01**.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Response is filed in accordance with the Revised format for Responses. Please add new claims 45-66. Please cancel previously filed claims 1-44. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 45-66 are pending in the present application.